

We claim:

1. A method for forming integrated circuit copper lines,
comprising:

5 forming a trench in a dielectric layer;

 forming a first metal layer in said trench using
 physical vapor deposition and a high atomic
 number metal;

10 forming a second metal layer in said trench over
 said first metal layer using chemical vapor
 deposition and a high atomic number metal; and

15 filling said trench with copper by electroplating
 copper directly on said second metal layer.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said high atomic number
metal is selected from a group consisting of Ruthenium,
20 Iridium, Rhodium, and Palladium.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said forming a first metal
layer in said trench comprises forming a Ruthenium layer
using a plasma excitation power of 100 to 1000 watts with

a DC power of 5KW to 30 KW applied to a sputter metal target.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said forming a second
5 metal layer in said trench comprises flowing a vapor
containing Ruthenium over a surface heated to between 100°C
and 350°C.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising forming a third
10 metal layer in said trench over said first metal layer and
beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor
deposition and a high atomic number metal.

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising forming a
15 fourth metal layer in said trench over said third metal
layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical
vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

7. A method for forming integrated circuit interconnect copper lines, comprising:

forming a trench in a dielectric layer;

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forming a first metal layer in said trench using a plasma excitation power of 100 to 1000 watts with a DC power of 5KW to 30 KW applied to a sputter metal target comprising Ruthenium;

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forming a second metal layer in said trench over said first metal layer wherein said forming a second metal layer comprises flowing a vapor containing Ruthenium over a surface heated to between 100°C and 350°C.; and

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filling said trench with copper by electroplating copper directly on said second metal layer.

20 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said first metal layer is less than 50A thick.

9. The method of claim 7 further comprising forming a third metal layer in said trench over said first metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

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10. The method of claim 9 further comprising forming a fourth metal layer in said trench over said third metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

11. An integrated circuit copper interconnect structure,
comprising:

a trench formed in a dielectric layer;

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a first metal layer formed in said trench using
physical vapor deposition and a high atomic
number metal;

10 a second metal layer formed in said trench over
said first metal layer using chemical vapor
deposition and a high atomic number metal; and

15 a copper structure formed directly on said second
metal layer that fills said trench wherein said
copper structure is formed by electroplating.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said high atomic number
metal is selected from a group consisting of Ruthenium,
20 Iridium, Rhodium, and Palladium.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein said first metal layer
comprises a Ruthenium layer formed using a plasma

excitation power of 100 to 1000 watts with a DC power of 5KW to 30 KW applied to a sputter metal target.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein said second metal layer
5 comprises a Ruthenium layer formed by flowing a vapor containing Ruthenium over a surface heated to between 100°C and 350°C.

15. The method of claim 11 further comprising a third metal layer formed over said first metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising a fourth metal layer formed over said third metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

17. A method for forming circuit copper lines, comprising:

forming a trench in a dielectric layer;

5 forming a first metal layer in said trench using physical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal;

10 exposing said first metal layer to a plasma treatment;

forming a second metal layer in said trench over said first metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal; and

15 filling said trench with copper by electroplating copper directly on said second metal layer.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein said forming a first
20 metal layer in said trench comprises forming a Ruthenium layer using a plasma excitation power of 100 to 1000 watts with a DC power of 5KW to 30 KW applied to a sputter metal target.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said forming a second metal layer in said trench comprises flowing a vapor containing Ruthenium over a surface heated to between 100°C and 350°C.

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20. The method of claim 19 wherein said plasma treatment comprises exposing said first metal layer to a plasma with excitation power levels of less than 1000 Watts.

10 21. The method of claim 20 further comprising forming a third metal layer in said trench over said first metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.

15 22. The method of claim 21 further comprising forming a fourth metal layer in said trench over said third metal layer and beneath said second metal layer using chemical vapor deposition and a high atomic number metal.